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Session 2: Strategy's Future Focus & Challenges

Sound Management of Chemicals in the Great Lakes Basin

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Today's Presentation

GLBTS 101
Future Management Approaches Under
the GLBTS



GLBTS 101

- Philosophy
- Governance
- Methodology

Philosophy

- Boundary Water Treaty of 1909
- Article II(a) of 1987 GLWQA
- Chapter 6 of IJC's Seventh Biennial Report
- Purpose and Principles of the GLBTS
- Beyond Compliance
- Virtual Elimination

Governance

- A beyond compliance voluntary multi-partnership effort
- Improves the assessment and expanded use of information
- Helps develop new networks
- Acts as a catalyst
- Champions voluntary actions by GL Stakeholders
- Provides opportunities for sectoral leadership
- Highlights the value of Pollution Prevention

Methodology

Analytical Framework

Changes to Level 1 and Level 2 lists



Considerations during Deliberations

- 10 Year Anniversary
- Reflective of the past
- GLQWA Annex 12 – early warning
- Host of detectable new substances in the GL
- National regulatory programs
- Future of the GLBTS in a value added role

Future GLBTS Management Options for Addressing New Substances

- *Under its current mandate, what added value can the beyond compliance pollution prevention efforts of the GLBTS program continue to bring toward mitigating new chemical threats to the basin – in cooperation with and/or as a supplement to national chemical management programs and initiatives?*

Future GLBTS Management Options for Addressing New Substances

- *What value added might the GLBTS provide in serving as the Great Lakes region link to national chemical management efforts on both sides of the border?*

Future GLBTS Management Options for Addressing New Substances

- *Does our current program structure lend itself to providing innovative solutions for new Great Lakes Basin chemical threats? Why or why not?*

Future GLBTS Management Options for Addressing New Substances

- Status Quo
- Sector Approach
- Family of Substances Approach
- Combination of Approaches
- Any Others?